



# El-news

## IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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IRTS President Séamus EI8BP presents a Dublin Crystal Plate to ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN to mark 100 years of the League at the National Centennial Convention in Hartford Connecticut in July.

### UKube-1



Following its July 8th launch from Kazakhstan, UKube-1 the UK Space Agency's first CubeSat has been heard around the world. UKube-1 is "host" to FUNcube-2 which will include a 400 mW inverting SSB/CW transponder (70cm up/2m down), with a CW beacon on 145.840 MHz. The transponder is not yet active. The FUNcube project is aimed at supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) initiatives now underway in the US, the UK, and elsewhere. The target audience is primary and secondary school students.

### 10GHz Contact from Croaghmoyle



A successful 10 GHz SSB contact was made between EJ4ABB (IO43VO) and John EI7FAB (IO53HW) on the 24th of July. The initial RX report at Croaghmoyle was 5/5 to 5/7 with both dishes pointing at one another. When the dish was moved at the Croaghmoyle location further to the north west pointing directly at Clare island the RX signal was 5/9++. 10GHz contacts were also made by Joe EI3IX with EJ4ABB and EJ2II. Both Joe and John would be interested in organising future skeds on 10GHz.

### Limerick SOTA Activations

Limerick Radio Club members, Ger EI4GXB, Liam EI7DSB and John EI5HDB recently participated in SOTA activations. On July 20th they activated IE-027 Cullaun, on July 27th they activated IE-023 Knockanora and on August 10th they will be on Cooneen IE-025. A Yaesu FT857 is being used, running about 40W to dipole and Slim Jim for 2m. Frequencies in use will be 7.115 and 144.300 as well as 2m simplex frequencies on FM. Announcements will be made on [www.sotawatch.org](http://www.sotawatch.org) and on Facebook.



## VHF/UHF Squares Table

The VHF Manager is attempting to resurrect the VHF/UHF Squares table for the IRTS Website. Traditionally, the Squares Table was an indication of the number of squares worked on 6m, 4m, 2m, 70cms and 23cms, updated on a monthly basis. The Squares Table runs from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. To date, only one operator has submitted numbers. If you would like to participate, please submit your numbers for one, or more bands, to [wrights1@eircom.net](mailto:wrights1@eircom.net) and these will be entered in the table that will be displayed on the IRTS website and in Echo Ireland.

## International Lighthouse Weekend

International Lighthouse weekend takes place from the 16th - 17th of August, commencing Saturday at 00:01 UTC. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual or club participation in a hugely popular world-wide event.



## Shannon Basin SSB NFD

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will once again be hosting the SSB Field Day on the 6th and 7th September. QTH will be in the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. The club would like to invite other clubs or individual operators to come and take part. WX permitting a barbeque will also take place. For further information, please contact Brian EI8IU on [brianei8iu@eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net).

## Members Advertisements

### FOR SALE

Yaesu FT897 HF, 6m, 2m & 70 cms  
C/W 2 x LiPo batteries , charger and  
DTMF microphone. (Little use, no mods)  
**Price €700** ono

Yaesu FT8900 Quad band transceiver  
(10m, 6m, 2m & 70cms)  
C/W Separation kit and DTMF Microphone  
As New & boxed - **Price €325**  
Yaesu FT8800 Dual band (2m & 7cms)  
C/W DTMF Microphone  
As New – **Price €250**

Contact - **Steve EI5DD 087 2451218**

### FOR SALE

Yaesu FT2800M 2m mobile. As new. Boxed.  
20A Switched mode PSU  
Mirage BD-35 Dual Band amp 5W in 35 out.  
All above I bought new. Little used.  
Non smoker.

Contact - **Conor 087 7993085**

### FOR SALE

Kenwood T-430s €400.00  
Yaesu FT-736R, 6m, 2m & 70cm, new  
CTCSS board. €800.00

Contact - **Ger EI5KF 087 2546483**

## Contests

### August 2014

**[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [IRTS VHF Field Day](#)**

02 1200z, 12 hours – [EU HF Championship](#), SSB and/or CW: exchange year of first licence.  
09 0000z, 48 hours – [WAE DX CW](#): exchange Serials, work non-EU only.  
13 1900z, 60 mins – [RSGB 80m Sprint](#), CW: exchange both calls & serial & name, work UK only.  
**24 1500z, 02 hours – [IRTS 2m Counties](#), SSB and/or FM: exchange serials & county code.**  
28 1900z, 60 mins – [RSGB 80m Sprint](#), SSB: exchange both calls & serial & name, work UK only.  
30 1200z, 24 hours – [YO DX HF Contest](#), SSB and/or CW: Serial or YO District, work everyone.

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